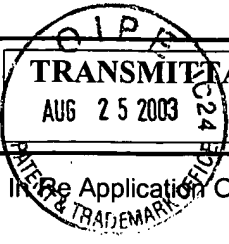
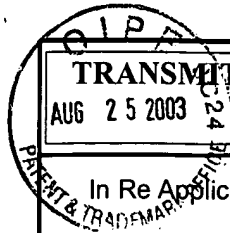


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OTHER DOCUMENTS

XP-002188115 – "Authentication for DHCP Messages"

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XP-000874503 – Droms, "Automated Configuration of TCP/IP with DHCP", pages 45-53

German DE 199 02 366 relates to an automatic instrument assignment to logical node of data processing network with known network topology, determining period between sending query signal and receiving response signal for each node instrument.

Applicant looks forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

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